Docket No.: 071971-0251 PATENT

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of : Customer Number: 53080

Makoto KITABATAKE, et al. : Confirmation Number: 6640

Application No.: 10/536,828 : Group Art Unit: 2814

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For: SEMICONDUCTOR APPARATUS

AMENDMENT

Mail Stop Amendment Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated December 10, 2008, having a three-month shortened statutory period for response set to expire on March 10, 2009, reconsideration of the above-identified application is respectfully requested in view of the following amendment and remarks.